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FOR THE AMBASSADOR ONLY FROM LANDE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAGR, EAID, BG

SUBJECT: PARIS AID CONSORTIUM MEETING.

1. YOU WILL BE RECEIVING AID'S DRAFT STATEMENT FOR PARIS BY SEPT. AID CLAIMS TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE MISSION'S EARLIER OPPOSITION TO CITING A TITLE I FOOD PLEDGE HAS CHANGED DUE TO CONCERN THAT FAILURE TO PLEDGE COULD LEAD TO INCREASED BDG COMMERCIAL PURCHASES.

2. I WOULD PREFER A REVISED NEXT TO LAST PARAGRAPH AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: REGARDING PL 480, TITLE I, WE HAVE DECIDED NOT TO MAKE A PLEDGE THIS YEAR. SOME OF THOSE PRESENT MAY HAVE ALREADY NOTED THAT THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION HAS REQUESTED CONGRESS TO SET ASIDE 94 MILLION DOLLARS FOR THIS PURPOSE IN FISCAL YEAR 1978. I WISH TO POINT OUT THAT THIS WAS CONFIDENTIAL

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DONE FOR BUDGETARY PLANNING PURPOSES ONLY. THE ACTUAL AMOUNT IN THE TITLE I PROGRAM MAY BE LARGER OR SMALLER AND WILL HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT LATER THROUGH BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS. IN DEVELOPING A PROGRAM, WE WILL TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION BANGLADESH'S FOOD NEEDS, AND U.S. DOMESTIC AVAILABILITY, AS WELL AS THE STEPS TAKEN BY THE BANGLADESH GOVERNMENT TO IMPLEMENT THE FOOD POLICY MEASURES RE-

COMMENDED BY THE WORLD BANK. END QUOTE

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